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THE PIASA,

BY TRADITION OF ILLINOIS.

OF THE UNITED STATES CAN

BEAUX AND ROMANTIC SOCIETY,

AND ROCKS OF ILLINOIS.

ON ONE

IVER,

OFTEN AT THE WATER'S

PEDICULAR WALL OF ROCK,

RIGHT OF SOME HUNDRED FEET,

IN THE OPPOSITE SHORE,

IS A

CLIFF,

OF PARASITE,

OF SEVERAL

FEET,

EXTENDING TO A SIMILAR

CLIFF,

WHICH COMMENCES AT AL-

ENDS,

WITH A FEW INTERVALS,

MILES ALONG THE LEFT BANK OF

MISSISSIPPI AND ILLINOIS RIVERS.

IN

THE RIVER TO ALTON,

THE

WALL,

BETWEEN THAT

THE MOUTH OF THE ILLINOIS,

A

ROUTE

THROUGH WHICH A SMALL

ROUTE

CHARGES ITS WATERS INTO THE

MISSISSIPPI.

THAT STREAM IS THE

NAME IN INDIAN,

AND SIGNI-

IFIC LANGUAGE OF THE ILLINOIS,

THAT DEVOURS MEN.

Near

OF THAT STREAM, ON THE

PERPENDICULAR FACE OF THE

ELEVATION WHICH NO HUMAN

WILL CUT THE FIGURE OF AN

INDIAN WITH ITS WINGS EXTEN-

SING WHICH THIS FIGURE REP-

RESENTS CALLED BY THE INDIANS

PIASA,

AND FROM THIS IS DERIV-

ED THE NAME OF THE STREAM.

THE TRA-

DE PIASA IS STILL CURRENT

AMONG THE TRIBES OF THE UPPER MIS-

SISSIPPI, AND THOSE WHO HAVE INHABITED

THE ILLINOIS, AND IS BRIEFLY

MENTIONED.

THOUSAND MOONS BEFORE THE

DAWN OF THE PALE FACES, WHEN THE

MONSTERS AND MASTODON, WHOSE

HORNED UP, WERE STILL LIVING

ON THE GREEN PRAIRIES, THERE

WAS NO SUCH DIMENSION AS

TO EASILY CARRY OFF IN HIS TALONS,

THE DEER.

HAVING OBTAINED

THEM,

HE WAS POWERFUL—WOULD

ONLY AND UNEXPECTEDLY UPON

THE BLUFF AND DEVOUR HIM.—

THE WARRIORS ATTEMPTED TO

DESTROY HIM, BUT WITHOUT SU-

CESS.

WHOLE VILLAGES WERE NEARLY

RAZED,

AND CONSTERNATION SPREAD

AMONG ALL THE TRIBES OF THE ILLINOIS.—

THE PIASA, A CHIEF WHOSE

POWERED AS A WARRIOR, EVEN BE-

FORE THE GREAT LAKES SEPARATING HIM

FROM THE REST OF HIS TRIBE, FASTED IN

FOR THE SPACE OF A WHOLEMOON,

TO THE GREAT SPIRIT, THE

SPirit OF LIFE, THAT HE WOULD PROTECT

THEM FROM THE PIASA.

ON THE

OUTSET OF HIS FAST, THE GREAT SPIRIT

REVEALED HIM IN A DREAM, AND

DIRECTED HIM TO SELECT TWENTY OF HIS WARRIORS,

ARMED WITH A BOW AND

ARROWS, AND CONCEALED THEM

AT A DESIGNATED SPOT.

NEAR THE

CONCEALMENT ANOTHER WARRIOR

TO STAND IN OPEN VIEW, AS A

PIASA, WHICH THEY MUST

INSTANT THAT HE POUNCED UP,

PREY.

WHEN THE CHIEF AWOKE

IN THE MORNING, HE THANKED THE GREAT SPIRIT FOR HIS DREAM.

THE WARRIORS WERE

SELECTED, AND PLACED IN AM-

BERG.

PIASA OFFERED AS

THE VICTIM.

HE WAS WIL-

ING FOR HIS TRIBE.

PLACING HIM

IN OPEN VIEW OF THE BLUFF, HE SOON

FOUNDERED.

PIASA DREW UP HIS

FEET TO ITS HEIGHT, AND PLACING

THEM FIRMLY UPON THE EARTH, BEGAN

TO CLIMB UP THE

BLUFF.

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